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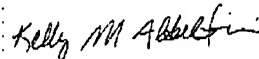
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PETITION FOR SUPERVISORY REVIEW

Applicant respectfully petitions, under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3), to invoke the supervisory authority of the Director.

A. Facts Involved

1. This application is a member of the following family of related applications:

Application Number	Filing Date	Applicant Reference	Understood Status
10/042,142	01/11/2002	2000-0672 (1014-199)	Advisory Action mailed 23 Jul 2007; RCE filed 10 Aug 2007 Request for Suspension filed 6 Sep 2007; Suspension Request Granted 18 Sep 2007

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10/042,143	01/11/2002	2000-0672A (1014-200)	Advisory Action mailed 19 Mar 2007; RCE filed 8 May 2007; IDS filed 20 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 9 May 2007 and 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006 and 5 Apr 2007; Office Action mailed 9 Jul 2007; Reply to Office Action filed 9 Oct 2007; Suspension Request filed 16 Oct 2007
10/042,165	01/11/2002	2000-0672B (1014-201)	Notice Of Allowance mailed 5 Apr 2007 with new art cited; RCE with IDS filed on 15 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 9 May 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Jun 2007; Issue Fee Payment and Reply filed 21 Sep 2007; Patent Issued 20 November 2007
10/042,179	01/11/2002	2000-0672C (1014-202)	Notice of Allowance mailed 25 Apr 2006; RCE with IDS filed on 25 Jul 2006 to disclose prior art and new art cited in 10/042,142 on 7 Jun 2007, 10/042,143 on 23 May 2006, and 10/042,166 on 3 May 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 15 Aug 2006; RCE with IDS filed on 13 Nov 2006 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,166 on 11 Aug 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 17 Jan 2007; RCE with IDS filed on 17 Apr 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 6

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			Dec 2006 and 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 18 May 2007; RCE with IDS filed on 21 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 5 April 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Aug 2007; Issue Fee Payment and Reply filed 26 Sep 2007; Patent Issued 6 November 2007
10/042,166	01/11/2002	2000-0672D (1014-203)	Notice Of Allowance mailed 11 Aug 2006 with new art cited; RCE with IDS filed 13 Nov 2006 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 7 Jun 2006, 10/042,143 on 11 Dec 2005 and 23 May 2006, and 10/042,165 on 5 Apr 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 9 Mar 2007; RCE with IDS filed 11 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006 and 5 Apr 2007; IDS filed 21 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Jun 2007; Issue Fee Paid & Reply filed 21 Sep 2007.
11/256,598	10/21/2005	2000-0672A DIV (1014-226)	Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007; First Office Action mailed 11 Sep 2007 with cited art disclosed previously in related applications; IDS filed 16 Nov 2007.
11/398,297	04/05/2006	2000-0672 DIV (1014-259)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007; IDS filed 16 November 2007

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11/598,575	11/13/2006	2000-0672C CON (1014-279)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007 IDS filed 16 November 2007
11,824,364	06/29/2007	2000-0672B CON (1014-309)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007

2. As shown above, the USPTO has issued (sometimes multiple) Notices of Allowance for each of applications 10/042,165, 10/042,179, and 10/042,166 (the "Allowed Applications").
3. A Request for Suspension was filed for the remaining 6 applications so that no new art would be cited during their prosecution, thereby requiring cross-citation of that new art in the Allowed Applications and preventing the Allowed Applications from promptly issuing.
4. On 13 October 2007, Applicant filed a Request for Suspension of U.S. Patent Application 10/042,143 (the "present application").
5. No Decision has yet been issued responsive to the 13 October 2007 Request for Suspension of the present application.
6. Each of the above facts is established by the official record found in PAIR.
7. This lack of a timely USPTO response undermines the purpose of the 6 Requests for Suspension, and jeopardizes prompt issuance of the 3 Allowed Applications.
8. Moreover, these delays in permitting the 3 Allowed Applications from proceeding promptly to issuance potentially:
 - a. undermine and/or frustrate the USPTO's stated goal of compact prosecution;
 - b. "cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of prosecution before the Office"; and/or
 - c. increase the probability of the USPTO issuing one or more invalid and/or unenforceable patents.

B. Action Requested

1. Applicant hereby again petitions for a prompt response to, and grant of, the Request for Suspension for six (6) months of the present application (and, via

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concurrently filed Suspension Requests, all the pending related applications except the Allowed Applications) to permit the Allowed Applications to safely issue, and plans to promptly request resumption of prosecution once each of the Allowed Applications has issued.

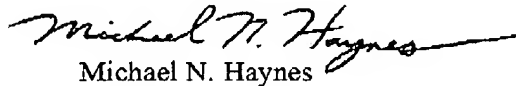
2. The Applicant considers any required Petition fees already paid. Nevertheless, should any additional petition or other fees be deemed required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, or 1.181, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2504.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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